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„Restrictions on the freedom of economic activity due to environmental protection in Hungary”

The purpose of the query at the Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies, National University of Public Service (Budapest, Hungary) was to collect source materials that could be used as part of a comparative legal research project on the restriction of economic freedom due to environmental protection existing in the legal orders of selected European Union Member States. The subject of the implemented project was „Restrictions on the freedom of economic activity due to environmental protection in Hungary”.

The conducted query enabled the preparation of a scientific publication in the future, which will allow the presentation of the axiological and systemic foundations of environmental protection in Hungary, as well as selected applicable regulations in this field. The conducted query allowed me to identify the similarities and differences in legal regulations existing in Poland and Hungary. The materials collected during the query will allow me to analyze the changes that have occurred in the Hungarian environmental protection law and public economic law in connection with the accession of Hungary to the European Union. The query in this respect was comprehensive – taking into account both legal and social changes. The study as part of the query was based on the analysis of legal acts, the the doctrine, as well as the jurisprudence of national and EU courts in this area. The main research problems were therefore to answer the following questions:

- 1) how the environmental protection system in Hungary looks like?
- 2) does the Hungarian legal regulation of economic activity take into account environmental protection issues?
- 3) whether Hungarian legal regulations on environmental protection take into account the issues of economic activity and limit economic freedom?
- 4) what legal solutions have been introduced by Hungary in terms of restricting economic freedom due to environmental protection?
- 5) to what extent the legal restrictions on the freedom of economic activity in force in Hungary comply with EU regulations and are similar to Polish regulations?
- 6) what are the obligations of a Hungarian entrepreneur in the field of environmental protection?

- 7) what are the legal prohibitions for undertaking and conducting a business activity due to environmental protection in Hungary?

The study of the outlined problems was mainly based on the dogmatic research method and legal comparison method.

The conducted query confirmed my conviction that Hungary, like Poland, has very extensive legal systems of environmental protection. Environmental protection is also a branch of law that is subject to constant and frequent changes. This is due to, inter alia, from the increase in threats related to economic and technological development, society's expectations, as well as the development of environmental protection law throughout the European Union.

The completed project and the type of research activity performed (query) correspond directly with my current research interests. The choice of a query as a scientific research in this area allowed me direct access to the documents and scientific publications.

The query allowed me to collect the necessary materials, but also the experience necessary in further promotion procedures. The papers and materials learned and collected in this way can be used by me in further scientific activities (publications and research grants – for example competitions organized by The National Science Centre (NCN) – OPUS or SONATA BIS). The visit as part of the query also became an opportunity for the mutual exchange of experiences and knowledge between researchers from two different countries – Hungary and Poland. I had the opportunity to establish scientific contacts that may enable my further research in the future. This creates the possibility of creating new groups of cooperation in the field of international initiatives and research in the future, which may ultimately contribute to increasing my mobility.